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Patrick J. Hentges et al.

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For: ULTRATHIN DIELECTRIC OXIDE
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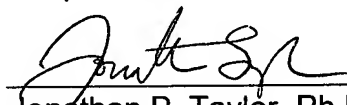
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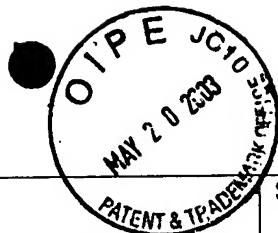
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